

.....W. T. MERRIMAN.....  
**HEYWOOD**  
 Shoes \$3.50 and \$4. Remarkable for  
 Quality and beauty. Never a com-  
 plaint of a single pair.  
 Hanan and Stacy Adams famous  
 shoes; no better made.



Merriman's Shoes made in most  
 reliable factories for men and women  
 at all prices from \$1 up to the finest  
 Shoes and Slippers; his School Shoes  
 are the best and cheapest.

**SUSPENDERS  
 AS GIFTS**  
 WE HAVE A LARGE VARIETY  
 EVERY ONE HANDSOME  
 CORRECT AND DEPENDABLE  
 ATTRACTIVELY PACKED IN  
 INDIVIDUAL BOXES

**H&P  
 MAKE  
 50¢ AND UP \$1**

**At Merriman's**  
 store on Third street where you see  
 Merriman in brass you can get the  
 most valuable

**Umbrellas.**  
 Trunks and Satchels and the most  
 beautiful Mufflers, Neckwear, Gloves,  
 Handkerchiefs, etc.

Nicest **SLIPPERS** for  
 gifts at

**Merriman's Shoe Store**  
 See the greatest variety of fashion-  
 able **HATS** and **CAPS** the nicest  
**UNDERWEAR**, fancy Shirts, Neck-  
 wear, Mufflers, Gloves, Handkerchiefs,  
 Suspenders Gold and Silver Buckle,  
**TRUNKS, SATCHELS, and UM-  
 BRELLAS.** All values, including  
 some of the finest, at

**MERRIMAN'S**  
 Shoe, Hat and Men's Furnishing Store.

**W. M. Freese.**  
**Real Estate Broker.**  
 Offices, 2 and 3, Moore Building.

**FOR RENT**—One five room house  
 on Mulberry street with bath attach-  
 ed. One six room house on Water  
 street, and two rooms with private  
 bath attached.

**Model Dairy Company**  
 Send your Orders by postal  
 for Milk and Cream to  
**Room 3, Moore Building.**

Card cases, wrist bags, pocket books,  
 cigar cases. See them at Wells &  
 Haymaker's city drug store.

We have more pocket books than  
 any store in town. Prices from 5 cents  
 to \$6.00. Wells & Haymaker.  
 St d 1 w dec 16

**CHRISTMAS**  
 Some Suggestions for Useful and  
 Suitable Presents.

As Christmas approaches the ques-  
 tion of deciding on some appropriate  
 present for your relative or friend be-  
 comes more puzzling. This is caused  
 by the abundance of suitable goods of-  
 fered at the different stores. In con-  
 versation with a prominent business  
 man this morning, he suggested that  
 there was nothing more appropriate  
 for a present than a box of cigars or a  
 nice bound book. To quote him: "I  
 tell you that you can find the nicest  
 line of cigars in the city at the Traders  
 Hotel News Stand. They have  
 them in abundance in nice fancy boxes  
 of 25, 50 or 100 and the prices are  
 right, the cigars the best and any re-  
 ceipient of a box of them would be  
 pleased. You had better call early  
 before they are all gone. Go in and  
 make your selection and have them  
 laid away till Christmas. In books  
 you will find some very nice ones fresh  
 from the press and prices are right.  
 Remember the place. Call early.  
 Act quick. They are both going fast."

**Traders Hotel  
 News Stand.**  
 Open Sundays. Postage Stamps.  
 Railroad Mileage.

L. N. Board has gone to Reedy.  
 Dr. R. A. Haynes has gone to New  
 York City.

Mrs. H. C. Craig has gone to Marion,  
 Ohio, for a visit.

Col. Thomas Pettigrew is in Balti-  
 more on business.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brent went  
 to Parkersburg this morning to spend  
 Christmas.

Dabney Smith leaves tomorrow for  
 Winchester, Virginia, to make friends  
 and relatives a short visit.

L. R. Warren, cashier of the First  
 National Bank, of West Union, spent  
 Sunday with friends in this city.

Miss Jean Walker, attending Stur-  
 rt College, at Staunton, Virginia, is  
 home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Richard Hudnut's perfumes and  
 powders are the "candy." Get 'em at  
 Wells & Haymaker's. St d 1 w dec 16

Rev. L. E. Peters is quite ill and is  
 confined to his bed.

Toilet and manure sets, in ebony,  
 rosewood and celluloid, at Wells &  
 Haymaker's. St d 1 w dec 16

Dan Alexander is home from Wash-  
 ington and Lee University to spend  
 the holidays.

See the Love Tormented, which will  
 be given away Dec. 24 at Swager's.  
 This statue is genuine terra cotta and  
 worth \$20. dec 10-d 12-w 26

Miss Bettie Chorpene, attending  
 Shepards College, at Granville,  
 Ohio, has arrived home to spend the  
 Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Rev. Blair, of Salem, has been  
 the guest of friends in this city for the  
 past few days.

Oak, Red and Hemlock Sole Leather.  
 Side slip and sole, at E. D. Reynolds  
 the harness man, Main St.

Pickens Walker is home from Wash-  
 ington and Lee University, to spend  
 the Christmas vacation.

Wells & Haymaker's city drug store  
 have received their Xmas stock of  
 Allegrettes' fine candies, 60 cts.  
 per pound. St d 1 w dec 16

Mr. R. B. Willison arrived here Sat-  
 urday night from Parkersburg for a  
 short stay with his children, re-  
 turning Sunday evening.

See our fine line of Italian marble  
 figures. Prices right. Wells & Hay-  
 maker's drug store. St d 1 w dec 16

Captain and Mrs. P. J. Condry, of  
 Buckhannon, are spending the holi-  
 days with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gill.

A. W. Rapp, of Gypsy, spent Sunday  
 here.

Ray Cunningham is home from  
 Washington and Lee University to  
 spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Robert Lafferty, of the firm of  
 Holmboe & Lafferty, has returned  
 from a two week's trip up in the  
 mountains.

Nicely furnished rooms with board  
 for two gentlemen. Half minute from  
 court house. C. E. LAY, W. U. Tel.  
 Co. dec 19-14.

J. Manning Marshall, general man-  
 ager of the Jane Lew Lumber Com-  
 pany, left Sunday for Rome, Georgia,  
 to make a visit until after the holi-  
 days.

R. L. Riggs made a business trip to  
 Weston.

M. D. Stuart made a trip to Jane  
 Lew to-day to purchase several horses  
 to complete a carload he is buying.

Just received a nice line of Smoking  
 Jackets. The Clarksburg Tailoring  
 Co., Traders Building, Main street.  
 Dec. 13-25.

Mr. E. S. C. Holmboe left Sunday  
 evening for Athens, Ohio. There he  
 will join Mrs. Holmboe and go to Chi-  
 cago. From there they will go to St.  
 Marie, Canada, to spend the Christmas  
 holidays.

Jesse Carr, of the Clarksburg Trans-  
 fer Company, will go to Parkersburg  
 tomorrow to visit with relatives until  
 after the holidays.

Mr. W. P. Gladden has presented  
 the Baptist church with a handsome  
 oak hymn board. It is a receptacle  
 for holding the movable numbers that  
 are placed up to announce the number  
 of the hymns to be sung during the  
 service. Mr. Gladden's kindness was  
 very much appreciated by the mem-  
 bers.

John Patrick Peacock has accepted  
 a position in the new store just open-  
 ed by Messrs. Friedland & Baker.

P. M. Lowther has returned from a  
 business trip in Gilmer county.

## RAILROAD

Has Been Purchased by Henry G.  
 Davis.

Will be Pushed on to Sutton at  
 Once.

Senator Davis, of West Virginia,  
 has acquired ownership of the Charle-  
 ton, Clendennin & Sutton railroad.  
 The deal was closed at the Farmers  
 Deposit National Bank, Pittsburg,  
 Arthur Lee and George E. Price rep-  
 resenting Senator Davis, and T. H.  
 Given the owners of the road. The  
 road is capitalized at \$3,000,000 and  
 bonded for the same sum, and further  
 than that the buyer took over the en-  
 tire capital stock and the whole issue  
 of bonds. The consideration involved  
 could not be learned.

It is a single track railroad and does  
 a large passenger traffic as well as  
 freight business. The original stretch  
 of track was constructed in 1890, and  
 it was but 20 miles long in 1894, when  
 the company which passed title yes-  
 terday acquired it. Pittsburgers con-  
 trolled this company, Mr. Given being  
 president and Jonathan Wainwright,  
 Hay Walker, Jr., and E. J. Kelly, of  
 the Drake & Stratton Company, being  
 directors.

These men never collected any divi-  
 dends, but applied the entire earnings  
 of the road to extensions. During the  
 past year 13 additional miles were con-  
 structed, making the line 65 miles  
 long, from Charleston to Clendennin,  
 up the Elk river, through a rich coal  
 and timber region. It still required  
 a 35-mile stretch of track to take it to  
 Sutton, and the company intended to  
 build this section as soon as the  
 weather would permit. Senator  
 Davis will complete it.

## DYNAMITE

In His Body About to Explode,  
 Thinks Lescro.

Strange Hallucination of Crazy  
 Miner Brought Here From  
 Gypsy.

Dr. C. W. Halterman made a medi-  
 cal examination this morning of Mike  
 Lescro, the Hungarian miner who was  
 brought here from Gypsy last week  
 and taken before Squire David on  
 lunacy proceedings. The examination  
 will prove that the foreigner is un-  
 doubtedly insane, although Squire  
 David has not rendered a decision in  
 the case yet. Lescro has been confined  
 in the county jail awaiting the exami-  
 nation. The man came to this region  
 recently from Pennsylvania and if he  
 is adjudged insane, he will have to be  
 sent to Pennsylvania for commitment  
 to an asylum there. Lescro labors un-  
 der a strange hallucination. He  
 thinks there is a charge of dynamite,  
 or other powerful explosive, in his  
 body, and that it is about to go off and  
 shoot him in little bits.

## PLUNGED

Headlong Down a Flight Of Stairs to  
 the Floor Below.

Italian Narrowly Escapes Death at  
 Waldo Hotel.

Philip Domico, an Italian employed  
 on the tile work of the Waldo Hotel,  
 tripped his toe this morning at 9:30  
 o'clock and fell down a flight of steps  
 from the fifth to the fourth story.  
 He lit on his head. A scalp wound  
 was received and he was badly  
 shaken up. He was taken to his room  
 in the Stuart building near by and  
 his injuries were dressed by Dr. S. M.  
 Mason. He is not seriously hurt and  
 will be able to resume work in a day  
 or so. He had a miraculous escape  
 from being precipitated to the ground  
 and instant death. As he descended  
 he grabbed whatever he could get hold  
 of and finally succeeded in stopping at  
 the fourth story.

Mrs. M. O. Edwards and daughter,  
 Miss Gertrude, have returned from a  
 pleasant visit to Mrs. A. D. Parr at  
 Clarksburg. — Weston Independent.  
 Squire Samuel W. Gordon will  
 make a visit down the valley of Vir-  
 ginia between Christmas and New  
 Years.

## DEATH

Mrs. Cecil C. Reed Dies at Hospital  
 From Typhoid Fever.

Her Husband Died of Same Disease  
 Only One Week Ago.

Mrs. Cecil C. Reed died at the Har-  
 rison County Hospital Monday after-  
 noon after an illness with typhoid  
 fever. She had been quite ill for two  
 or three days but her condition was  
 not thought alarming. On Monday  
 she took a sudden turn for the worse  
 and the end came in the afternoon  
 about half-past one o'clock.

Her death is a particularly sad one  
 to her relatives and friends as only one  
 week ago the same day her husband  
 died from typhoid pneumonia.

She was twenty-four years of age  
 and the daughter of Edward and Mar-  
 garet Ford, who survive her.

The funeral arrangements have not  
 been made.

## CHANGE OF BUSINESS.

Certain Departments of the Aetna  
 to be Represented by Cottrell  
 and Hopkins.

The Accident, Liability and Health  
 departments of the Aetna Life Insur-  
 ance Company, which were repre-  
 sented in this city by Mr. L. J. Fris-  
 toe, who has recently moved to Park-  
 ersburg, have been placed in the  
 hands of Cottrell and Hopkins, Real  
 Estate and Insurance Brokers, 214  
 Court street. Mr. Frisroe's duties as  
 state agent of the Aetna necessitates  
 his change of residence.

It is his wish that his friends and  
 patrons in Clarksburg will extend to  
 the recently appointed agents the  
 same kindly treatment and considera-  
 tion that was accorded him in his  
 work on behalf of the Aetna. Every  
 effort will be made by Messrs. Cottrell  
 and Hopkins to not only maintain the  
 splendid record of the Aetna in this  
 city, but to add steadily new business  
 to the books.

**\$250.00 Diamond Ring.**

At The

**Traders Barber  
 Shop.**

The Manual Rosa Cigar Co., of New York City

Will introduce their new cigar before the  
 public at once. The ring is beautiful

**A DIAMOND IS A DIAMOND.**

Cigars on Sale Dec. 22 by N. H. Ogden.

Buy these Cigars for Christmas.

They are the Finest Made.

The Ring is on display and is attracting great at-  
 tention; see the ring and cigars and

Ogden Has Something Good to Tell You.

**Holmboe & Lafferty,**  
 Architects  
 ordyce Building. Clarksburg, W. Va.

Millinery

Entire Stock of  
**Millinery  
 Reduced**

No Goods  
 Carried Over.

Amazon Plumes at \$5  
 go at \$3. \$3 Plumes go  
 at \$1.50, and the \$1.50  
 ones go at 75 cents.

Full Line of  
 Shapes

\$1.50 Camels Hair  
 Shapes go at 75c.  
 50c and 75c Children's  
 Shapes go at 14c each.

**MISS M. E. BLACK,**  
 The Milliner.

209 Main Street, with Fletcher's Bee-  
 Hive Store, Clarksburg, W. Va.

**ALLEN & CASEY  
 CONTRACTORS BRICK**

—AND—  
**Cut Stone.**

Estimates Furnished. Architects and  
 Builders.  
 Clarksburg, West Va.  
 Box 471. dec 19-d 31n.

Notice

The office of the Mountain State  
 Gas Company will be moved tempo-  
 rarily Dec. 16th to the rooms formerly oc-  
 cupied by the Clarksburg Wine and  
 Liquor Company in the Traders build-  
 ing on Third street.  
 12-13-2w MOUNTAIN STATE GAS CO.

All kinds of suitable gifts for ladies  
 and gentlemen at The Clarksburg  
 Tailoring Co., Traders Building Main  
 street. Dec. 13-25.

Hudnut's Roger & Gallets and Pal-  
 mer's perfumes and soaps, at Wells  
 & Haymaker's city drug store.

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 They are two kinds of Gays.  
 Keiser-Barthen and others. Come in  
 and look them over. The Clarksburg  
 Tailoring Co. Dec. 13-25.  
 New Sole Leather at E. D. Rey-  
 nolds's, Main street.

## XMAS GIFTS

Ladies Wrist Bags, \$1.00 to \$8.50  
 Chatelains, 1.00 to 5.00  
 Fine Pocket Books, .50 to 5.00

**Gents Pocket Books  
 A Fine Assortment.**

Gents Bill Books—a fine assortment. Per-  
 fumes in bulk, 50c to \$1.00 per ounce. Fancy  
 Bottles Perfume up to \$8.00 per package.  
 Combination cases of Perfume, Toilet Soap,  
 Toilet Powder, etc. Comb and Brush Sets,  
 all prices. Gents Traveling Cases, \$1.00 to  
 \$10.00. Gents Military Sets. Cameras, Baby  
 Sets, Baby Combs, Baby Brushes, Fountain  
 Pens, Hand Mirrors, Triplicate Mirrors, Stand  
 Mirrors and fine toilet requisites of all kinds.

Call and Look these over before making your  
 Purchases. We are always Pleased to  
 show them whether you buy or not.

**Stone's Drug Store,**

116 Third Street.

**HOME FURNISHING  
 COMPANY**

343-345 Main Street.

Building Formerly Occupied by Berry Hardware Co

**EVERYTHING**

For The

**H O M E.**

**CASH OR CREDIT**

We are the only complete  
 House Furnishers in the  
 county.

**Chinaware, Tinware,  
 Graniteware,  
 Tableware, Stoves,  
 Carpets, Furniture.**

**YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD.**

Your Credit is Good.

**Home Furnishing Co**